

Here is another definition of genocide for your files:

281.1 (1) Every one who advocates or promotes genocide is guilty of an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for five years.

(2) In this section "genocide" means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy in whole or in part any identifiable group, namely:

- (a) killing members of the group, or
- (b) deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction.

(3) ...

(4) In this section "identifiable group" means any section of the public distinguished by colour, race, religion or ethnic origin.

cited from the Criminal Code and Selected Statutes. Ottawa: Information Canada, 1973. pp.142-143.

Required Readings:

- E.V. Walter, Terror and Resistance. London: Oxford University Press, 1969. Pay special attention to Chs. VI-X.
- James Morris, "The Final Solution Down Under." Horizon, 14/1 (Winter 1972) 60-71.

The "Jonassohn typology":

Frank has recently drawn my attention to the above-cited definition of genocide in the Canadian Criminal Code. At the risk of being accused of unwarranted chauvinism, we are going to suggest that this definition is better than the others that we have looked at during the first term. It serves here as the basis for a proposed typology that is based on intent. Please note that intent not only may be difficult to ascertain, but also that it may be implicit or explicit. Furthermore, these proposed types of genocide are not mutually exclusive and probably not exhaustive either. Leaving such complications for discussion in class, here is the proposed typology:

1. The creation of terror
2. The elimination of threat to a regime/state
3. The legitimization of a new regime/state (N.Cohn)
4. Economic enrichment (or substitution)
5. Suppression of deviation from belief systems or ideologies
6. Implementation of racial or ethnic purity
7. Satisfaction of bloodthirstiness

Illustrations for each of these categories will also be provided in class to facilitate discussion.